

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 25th April 2010

IRTS 78th AGM

The 78th AGM of Irish Radio Transmitters Society is being hosted by the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, this Weekend the 24 / 25th April 2010. The venue will be Fairways Hotel Dundalk Co Louth.

The Rally is also being held today Sunday 25th of April in the Fairways Hotel, Dundalk Co Louth. Doors opening at 11.00 AM, all the usual traders will be represented plus some new ones.

For more info on the AGM weekend, Rally please check www.irts.ie or www.ei7dar.com

Theory Examination

The next theory examination for the Amateur Station Licence will be held on Wednesday, 7th July at 2pm in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers.

Information on examination fees and other details please see 'Theory Examination' in the 'Information' section of the IRTS website at www.irts.ie

Intending candidates are also referred to 'Studying for the Amateur Radio Examination' in the 'Downloads' section of the website.

The latest date for receipt of applications to sit the examination is Wednesday, 23 June next but it is important to note that places at the exam are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Amsat - Arklow School selected.

In October last the IRTS news carried an item from Amsat inviting teachers to submit students' science work to be considered for carrying on board the next satellite to be launched later this year.

Pádraig EI7GK, a science teacher in Gaelcholáiste na Mara, Arklow, submitted work

from 6 of his students. All have been selected and their work will “fly” on board the satellite.

Gaelcholáiste na Mara is the only school in EI to be selected. Other schools selected are in the U.S. Canada, UK etc. In Gaelcholáiste na Mara all subjects including Science are taught through Irish so an English translation had to accompany the original work.

Duhallow Voice Repeater back on air.

The Duhallow Voice Repeater EI7SMR is back on air since Tuesday last the 20th of April 2010. The repeater which is located on Musheramore Mountain, in north Cork was off air undergoing repairs and is now operating with a new antenna installed on site. EI3SMR operates on RU74, 430.925mhz, input is 438.525mhz (7.6mhz split) and requires a ctcss tone of 103.5Hz.

Cashoita NI

The Ballymena Radio Club and Antrim and District Amateur Radio Society will be jointly activating Shanes Castle, Antrim, as part of the Steam Traction Engine Show.

The clubs will be using the Cashota-NI callsign GN4KPT/P on Sunday 2 May 14:00 - 17:00 2010 and Monday 3 May 10:00 - 16:00 2010

Talk-in and information on 145.550

Wicklow Radio Club

The next meeting for the club has been confirmed for Wed 12 the May at 19.30 in the Glebe National School, Church Hill Wicklow.

The Club hope to be able to finalise the cw field day in June so they are looking for lots of cw operators... don't be shy.

Morse code practice via Echolink

You can now get Morse code practice sessions on your 2m FM hand held by using Echolink to connect to the W1AW Conference Server 'W1AWBDCT' Node 37374.

Audio from W1AW's CW code practices and CW/digital bulletins is now available using EchoLink via the W1AW Conference Server "W1AWBDCT" Node Number 37374. The 9:45

PM ET phone bulletin is currently unavailable via W1AWBDCT.

The audio is sent in real-time and runs concurrently with W1AW's regular transmission schedule.

IARU Region 1 EC Meeting 2010

Due to volcanic ash that was covering many parts of Europe, the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 Executive Committee held its annual meeting via a web conference.

On World Amateur Radio 2010, the IARU Region 1 EC held its annual meeting, only five EC members made it to Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria.

The rest of the EC had either to return home or to stay at their home QTH and participated in the EC meeting through WebEx (a remote meeting application).

Radio Kuwait cleared from amateur radio band

Radio Kuwait was broadcasting in the Amateur Radio 7 MHz allocation, however speedy action by the IARU Monitoring System Intruder Watch resolved the problem.

A 'combined action' led to the removal of Radio Kuwait on 7150 and 7190 kHz. From 12 to 19 April 2010 the broadcaster had been transmitting programs in Arabic language with up to S9+30dB signals blocking almost 20 kHz of the 40m Band.

Rallies

Saturday 29th May 2010 Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club Rally, Drumgor Youth Centre, Drumgor Heights, Craigavon Information: www.muarc.com

For further Rally info and contact details please check out the IRTS Website.

www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi

History this week

1892 Duryea, first commercially successful US car made. Springfield.

1895 W. Latham - the first moving picture projected on a screen in NY.

1900 Marconi International Marine Communication Company Ltd. formed.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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